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LOK SABHA

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DR. AMBEDKAR FOUNDATION
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Ambedkar Foundation was established by the Government to carryout the programmes and activities for dissemination of Dr. Ambedkar`s ideology and to spread his message of social justice;

(b) if so, the details of programmes implemented by the Foundation during the last 5 years especially in Maharashtra;

(c) steps taken by the Government to ensure that the foundation play a more pro- active role for upliftment and and development of the weaker sections of the society; and

(d) steps taken to create a database of such persons and organizations who have done significant work for upliftment and development of weaker sections?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dr. Ambedkar Foundation is taking a steps on the following:

(i) Funding Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in Universities.

(ii) Translation and Publication of the Writings and Speeches of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

(iii) Giving Dr. Ambedkar National Award for Social Understanding and upliftment of Weaker Sections and Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change.

(iv) Setting up Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi.

(v) Setting up Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library.

Following programmes are being implemented in Maharastra.

i) Dr. Ambedkar Chair was setup at Nagpur University during the year 1996. It is doing research work on Dalit Movement and History.
ii) Government of Maharastra has been requested for taking up Translation and Publication of Collected Works of Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar in Marathi Language.

(c) the Foundation is implementing a number of scheme/projects as indicated above, for upliftment and development of weaker sections of the society.

(d) Ministers of Central Government, Members of Parliament, Vice Chancellors of Universities and District Collectors have been requested to send names and details on persons/organizations, who have done significant work for upliftment and development of weaker sections and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to the Foundation to create a Data Base.